

James Jackson to Andrew Jackson, January 26, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

Nashville, January 26, 1815.

Dear Genl. , Last tuesdays mail brought us the glorious news of the defeat of the British on the 8th Inst. a victory un[e]qualed since the War commenced.

Mrs. Jackson on wednesday (day before yesterday) with Mrs. Colonel Butler and Mrs. Major Overton in company, under special care of Doctor William Butler, took their departure for Orleans and am in hopes they will have a speedy and safe passage. The man who owns the Boat and takes the Ladies down, Mr. Green, is a worthy man, has been very accomodating and no doubt will continue to be so and is worthy of a recommendation to any person who may have freight to send up the River.

The Ladies were on the point of setting out when the first News of the aproach of British to New Orl[e]ans reached us, but, tho We had every confidance in the result, Colonel Hays myself and other friends advised them to defer setting out untill something decissive occured being in our opinion a necessary prudence. the[y] have now gone with the consent and good wishes of all their friends.

I have not heard from Mr. Sims since my last, relative to your Land, nor has any thing occured in your business, necessary to write about.

I have never seen such general joi here as was created by the defeat of British, the most sanguine expectations were exceeded.

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Tell Washington (when you see him) that I have nothing worth communicateing to him at Orleans and that I wish him to aid Mr. Green who takes Mrs. Jackson down, in procureing a freight. all friends well